

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

FORMAL SESSION
January 2, 2003

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., January 2, 2003, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Max W. Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

INVOCATION

Aaron Dunn, Pastor, Church on Fire, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Tom Freestone, South Mesa/Gilbert Justice Court led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Chairman Don Stapley introduced the following guests: Secretary of State-Elect and former County Supervisor, Jan Brewer and The Honorable Jake Flake, Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives. He asked Judge Colin Campbell to come forward to administer the oath of office to elected officials.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

The Honorable Colin Campbell, Presiding Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office to the following:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

District 4:	Max W. Wilson
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COUNTYWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Superior Court:	Michael K. Jeanes
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JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Not all were present for the ceremony)

Buckeye Justice Court:	Mike Osterfeld
Central Phoenix Justice Court:	C. Steven McMurry
Chandler Justice Court:	Ron Johnson
East Mesa Justice Court:	R. Wayne Johnson
East Phoenix No. 1 Justice Court:	C.A. "Carlos" Mendoza
Gila Bend Justice Court:	J.B. Getzwiller
Glendale Justice Court:	Quentin Tolby
North Valley Justice Court:	Jerry Ashton
Peoria Justice Court:	Lex E. Anderson
Scottsdale Justice Court:	Jerry Porter
South Phoenix Justice Court:	Pamela C. Gutierrez
Tempe East Justice Court:	John R. Ore
Tempe West Justice Court:	Victor M. "Mike" Wilkins

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Tolleson Justice Court:	Joe "Pep" Guzman
West Mesa Justice Court:	Clayton R. Hamblen
West Phoenix Justice Court:	Rachel Torres Carrillo
Wickenburg Justice Court:	John Henry

CONSTABLES (Not all were present for the ceremony)

Buckeye Justice Court:	Murel Stephens
Central Phoenix Justice Court:	Armando Saldate, Jr.
Chandler Justice Court:	James Kevin Jones
East Mesa Justice Court:	William Taylor
East Phoenix No. 1 Justice Court:	John L. Powers
Gila Bend Justice Court:	Billy Joe Spurlock
Glendale Justice Court:	William "Bill" Stout
North Valley Justice Court:	Philip Hazlett
Peoria Justice Court:	Ronald "Ron" Myers
Scottsdale Justice Court:	Frank Outcult
South Phoenix Justice Court:	Jimmie Munoz
Tempe East Justice Court:	Joe Arredondo
Tempe West Justice Court:	Don Calendar
Tolleson Justice Court:	Alfredo Gamez
West Mesa Justice Court:	Fred Arnett
West Phoenix Justice Court:	Joe Reyes
Wickenburg Justice Court:	Glenn Gill

After being sworn in, Supervisor Wilson introduced his wife, Judy, and daughters Laura and Shannon. He thanked the Supervisors for their help during the transition period following his appointment and those in County administration and his staff for their assistance. He gave special thanks to former supervisor, Jan Brewer, his long time friend and mentor during his transition. Supervisor Wilson introduced his staff, Scott Isham and Lynn Dunn. He said that he hoped to help streamline Maricopa County government with the idea of "doing more with less whenever possible." He pledged to work to further the Board's conservative values, as these principles were so instrumental in the recognition and designation of Maricopa County as the best in the nation. He vowed to continue his fight to limit the size of government and said he will continue to focus on transportation, private property rights, and protecting Luke Air Force Base.

Michael Jeanes introduced his wife, Jill, sons Garrett, Eric and Nathan and his sister, Diane. He commented on the honor and privilege of being elected once again by the people of Maricopa County and thanked his staff for their help and dedication in keeping the Clerk's office running smoothly.

2002 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Stapley said he had taken some time at the December 18th meeting to enumerate the accomplishments of the Board and the County during 2002. He wanted now to recognize "dedicated public servant, Tom Freestone," former Supervisor and now Justice of the Peace of the South Mesa/Gilbert Justice Court. The Chairman remarked on his personal friendship and long political association with Judge Freestone and listed the public service positions he has held over the years. These included Constable, County Recorder, County Supervisor for 16 years, the Arizona State Senate and a governor's appointment to the Board of Pardons and Parole. The Chairman lauded Judge Freestone for always setting the tone of professionalism, hard work and dedication in each of the

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positions he has held. He said that few in the State of Arizona have accumulated such a vast amount of experience and dedication in the public service arena.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek and seconded by Supervisor Wilson to nominate Supervisor Fulton Brock as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2003. Supervisor Brock was elected chairman by unanimous vote.

Before addressing the assembly, Chairman Brock expressed his gratitude for his election and thanked Supervisor Stapley for his service as an outstanding Chairman, representing the County at the State and National levels. He presented Supervisor Stapley with a ceremonial gavel in recognition of his leadership and success during the past year as chairman. He also gave him a \$50 certificate to a Valley restaurant.

Chairman Brock continued by introducing his family: his wife, Susan, and his three daughters Becky, Rachel and Beth Anne along with other family members present. He also recognized Secretary of State-Elect Jan Brewer with some personal remarks.

2003 CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

"I would also like to thank the finest group of elected officials and staff that anyone could ever work with. For the past six years we've worked hard to bring this county to where it is today rated the "Best Run County in America", with the highest bond rating ever and nearly debt free.

To my elected colleagues, you bring a wealth of experience and management oversight to the citizens of Maricopa County. I thank each of you for your confidence in me by nominating me for the Chairmanship of this, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. To Don Stapley, thank you for your leadership during 2002 and for your hard work.

As we enter 2003, Maricopa County is faced with serious financial challenges and mandates. As the State of Arizona debates additional cuts in funding and more mandated services on this county, we will all have to work harder than ever before to maintain high levels of service with less resources to get the job done.

In the last seven to eight years, Maricopa County has rebounded from being one of the worst run counties in America to being awarded the number one county in the United States. Along the way, we have kept public safety, quality of life concerns, and our courts a high priority.

Maricopa County has shown leadership in many areas. Our management team, lead by County Administrator David Smith, last year was named Public Administrator of the Year by Governing Magazine. Thank you for your hard work and leadership in helping guide us where we are today.

There were no tax increases and we continued to efficiently deliver government services. Our new homeless campus will be a model program for other counties. Our Combined Charitable Campaign provided a record amount of contributions by our employees to various charities and through the United Way. We held down healthcare costs to county employees and currently provide one of the best employee benefit packages in the United States.

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I am happy to announce that Andy Kunasek has accepted the invitation to be the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. In my absence, he will act as Chair Pro-Tem for the year. Thank you Supervisor Kunasek.

In the upcoming year, as your Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County, besides our county's legislative and departmental agendas, I will focus my leadership on the following areas, which will include some new one-year projects.

1. Teen Crime Reduction Program
2. The creation of a Citizens Academy for Government Awareness.
3. Participation with local governments in the Maricopa County Clean & Beautiful Program.
4. The financial situation of the Maricopa Integrated Health System and Maricopa Medical Center.
5. Public Relations Outreach with a Quality of Life emphasis.

These special Boards are non-partisan. They will reach across party lines and all other barriers. We want the general public to participate.

One of the first areas of focus is to further emphasize and reduce teen crime. I will create a committee that includes representatives from the Maricopa County judicial system as well as a member of this Board of Supervisors to investigate and bring available resources to bear on the crime rate among teens in this county. Our charge to them is to examine the successful teen crime reduction programs in counties or cities where they have been nationally recognized (San Diego, Jacksonville, and Salt Lake City). One of their goals is to reduce recidivism rates among teens as well as emphasizing crime reduction in those areas. I continue to support teen courts that are actively working with certain categories of juvenile offenders that have been nationally recognized, among them are the Tempe and Chandler Justice of the Peace courts. We also have programs in several other communities and several Justice of the Peace courts that have expressed an interest in this program. I have asked Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Judge Linda Scott, and Cheri Townsend, Director, Juvenile Probation Department, to chair this project.

Another objective in the upcoming year is my intention to bring together the Office of the Arizona Secretary of State, Maricopa County Elections Department, and local governments to promote a new outreach program to increase voter participation and government awareness among adults and adolescents in our communities.

The program (Local Government Leadership) would focus on educating the adults and youth of our cities and towns about Maricopa County, local government, and the election process.

A committee will be created and chaired by the 2003 Vice-Chairman of the Board, Andy Kunasek and Superior Court Presiding Judge Colin Campbell. This leadership committee would combine resources from all levels of government as well as that of the education and business communities. The committee would include representatives from various levels of government, education, and economic councils. This group would focus on, but not limited to, the following:

1. Informing youth about government processes and personnel and,
2. Educating youth about the elections process in their community and,
3. Increasing voter participation in high school seniors and college students and,
4. Promoting student involvement in all levels of government.

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I have a personal goal to speak at every high school in my district, District One, in 2003, and I ask my colleagues to do likewise. I believe that we need to take local government to adults as well as students to raise awareness of how local government operates, how the public can learn more, and how getting involved can make a positive difference. I challenge my fellow board members to become involved and to judge at least one spelling or geography bee at their district's schools in 2003. We must all work together within Maricopa County to lay the foundation for our future leaders in the democratic process.

My fourth goal for the year 2003 is to lead Maricopa County in a joint partnership with towns and cities to bring all residents and special interests together to literally help clean up Maricopa County. We are asking and challenging our cities to join us through their Parks Departments to create the Maricopa County Clean & Beautiful Initiative Project for one year. I've asked Supervisor Max Wilson and Leandra Lewis, Executive Director, Arizona Clean and Beautiful to chair this one-year committee.

We are asking this commission to focus on the litter that continues to accumulate in our cities, streets and parks. We ask Maricopa County to partner with the State of Arizona's Department of Transportation (ADOT), Arizona Clean & Beautiful, and cities within our county to work together for a year. This project will be focused on keeping our highways and roadways clean from litter by load controls and resource consolidation. I challenge the committee to create a new plan for county islands the litter that accumulates in those areas.

Next, I will ask former Board Chairman Don Stapley to Create and Chair a Public Relations Committee and ask the committee to improve the logistics involved with communicating and getting our message out about the many great things that we're doing here at Maricopa County. What are other counties doing that are successful? Increasing the frequency that our residents read, hear, or view issues about Maricopa County and the services we provide is another task that I will ask the committee to research and report to me.

The county health care system has continued to challenge our county both physically and fiscally. The infrastructure at Maricopa Medical Center is obsolete. The population growth in this county and the uncompensated costs associated with that growth has placed us in an unfavorable financial position. We have created a Citizens Task Force on the County Health Care System and we have asked them to discuss and recommend to the Board of Supervisors what steps to take and why. Among others, this Citizens Task Force consists of:

District 1:	Dr. Ray Woolsey, Dean of Medicine, University of Arizona, Tucson
District 2:	Peter Fine, CEO, Banner Health
District 3:	Dr. Monty DuVal, former Dean of the University of Arizona Medical School, MIHS Board, and Arizona State Retirement System Board
District 4:	Dr. Leonard Kirschner, former head of AHCCS for the State of Arizona
District 5:	Mr. Ted Williams, President and CEO, Arizona Behavioral Health Corp.

I will lead the board in working with our County Administrator to plan for a short and long term remedy at the Maricopa Medical Center.

I ask each Board member to place at least one citizen from each District on each one-year committee. Finally, I ask that each of these one-year project committees meet at least five times during 2003 and report back to the Board of Supervisors in June and again in December. If these projects are successful, I invite next year's Chairman to continue them.

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In closing, I would like to thank my fellow elected officials for their leadership. To Rick Romley, Helen Purcell, Joe Arpaio, Michael Jeanes, Sandra Dowling, Doug Todd, Kevin Ross and the Judges and other elected officials who serve at Maricopa County, thank you. I would also like to thank the outstanding work of our department directors and staff, especially at our courts. As I have told you when I attend your Management Team meetings, I believe your work at Maricopa County is important. We must work harder; we must work more efficiently. This board elected to absorb nearly 100% of the increased medical costs within our budget for all county employees. This added up to nearly seven million dollars in additional costs that were not passed along to employees. In return, we are asking that every department director establish a baseline of performance standards by identifying the top three equivalent departments of county government in the country. Study what they do, determine how it is they have excelled, and modify that performance in your department. We would appreciate hearing about your success and progress in this regard and I will ask David Smith to encourage this benchmarking throughout the year. David Smith and I will look forward to discussing this with you throughout the coming year.

I will also ask that a "Wall of Honor" be built along the breezeway between the administrative building and the courts to memorialize those employees who have either dedicated themselves to Maricopa County by giving their life in the line of duty, given 30 years of service to the County, or who have developed extraordinary ideas for the betterment of the County. This "Wall of Honor" will also be posted on the Maricopa County web site.

Again, to all the employees of Maricopa County, thank you for your dedicated public service, and I look forward to working with you as we serve the public and meet whatever challenges await. Let's not forget to have some fun."

At the conclusion of his speech, Chairman Brock invited attendees to the reception immediately across the courtyard at the Change of Venue.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO RECEPTION

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board